



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:	N. Thomas, et al.	Group Art Unit:	1634
Serial Number:	09/914,603	Examiner:	A. Chakrabarti
Filing Date:	January 9, 2002	Docket No.:	PA-9902
For:	Analysis of Differential Gene Expression		

**Response to Office Action**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

July 18, 2003

**Introductory Comments**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 19, 2003, in connection with the captioned application, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

Applicants are also submitting, concurrently herewith, a petition to extend the period of response one month from June 19, 2003, up to and including July 19, 2003.